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FOR PHILLIPS AGRICULTURE

1. TEXT PAGE 35 OF DRAFT REPORT ON WORK CCLM RELATING COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY NEEDS BE CHANGED TO REFLECT COUNCIL DECISION ON DRAFT B NOT DRAFT A. FINDLEN AND COBB DRAFTED FOLLOWING:

2. THE COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN RECOGNIZING THAT FINAL ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE MACHINERY FOR WORLD FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS FORTHCOMING SESSION IN NOVEMBER 1975.

3. OPINION WAS DIVIDED AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, WHICH HAD THE STRONG AND ORGANIZED SUPPORT OF MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OR WHETHER TO COMBINE THE FUNCTIONS ENVISAGED BY BROADENING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CCP AND CHANGING THE NAME TO A COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND FOOD SECURITY.

4. THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL TURNED THE PROBLEM OVER TO THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF THE PELNARY WHICH DISCUSSED

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THE PROBLEM AT LENGTH AND SOUGHT THE VIEWS OF THE LEGAL

COUNSEL. THE CONCLUSION REACHED BY THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WAS THAT THE DECISION HAD TO BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED TWO WAYS TO MEET THE 120-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE FOR ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE FAO CONSTITUTION. DRAFT A PROVIDED TWO ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD ADD A COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, THE OTHER WHICH WOULD CHANGE A (COMMITTEE NAME TO A COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND FOOD SECURITY.)

5. THE DEBATE OF CHOOSING BETWEEN THESE TWO DRAFTS REPEATED THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GROUPS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF A NEW STANDING COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AS WELL AS THE POSITION OF THE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US AND TWO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, JORDAN AND EGYPT, THAT THE MATTER NEEDED STUDY BY GOVERNMENTS IN CAPITALS AND CCP SHOULD CONSIDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE IN THIS REGARD. AS A RESULT OF A TALLY OF INTERVENTIONS, RECORDED AS 14 FOR DRAFT B AND 12 FOR DRAFT A, THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN RELED THAT THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY BE EASTABLISHED AS A NEW STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL. THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TOGETHER WITH AN EXTRACT OF THE PRESENT COUNCIL REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT.

6. THE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED TO POSTPONE ACTION ON A NEW RULE RELATING TO THIS COMMITTEE UNTIL THE PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF CCP'S REVIEW OF ITS FUNCTIONS AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE NEW COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. VOLPE

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